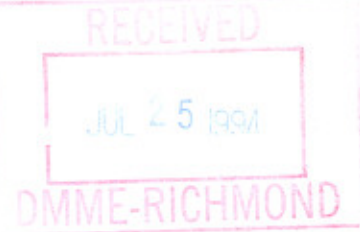




Commonwealth of Virginia
Office of the Governor

Executive Order



NUMBER TWENTY-SEVEN (94)

CONTINUING AND EVALUATING THE VIRGINIA ENERGY PLAN

The Virginia Energy Plan was initiated in September 1991 to provide for a sustainable energy future for Virginia by improving energy efficiency, increasing energy conservation, and advancing renewable and alternative energy technologies.

The Plan was implemented by Executive Order Number Thirty-Seven (91), which expires June 30, 1994. This Executive Order continues the Virginia Energy Plan in effect during the pendency of an ongoing evaluation of the Plan to identify changes to improve its effectiveness and efficiency.

A comprehensive statewide approach is critical to Virginia's energy conservation. Such an approach has the potential to: reduce consumption of energy resources; extend the use of coal, oil and gas reserves; improve energy efficiency; reduce environmental impacts; preserve natural resources; and secure independence from foreign oil. The Virginia Energy Plan encompasses a statewide program that focuses on energy efficiency and conservation through production, management planning, awareness, transportation, and fuel alternatives.

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to Chapter 5 of Title 2.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby direct the Governor's Secretaries and all executive branch agencies to continue implementation of the Virginia Energy Plan consistent with their statutory authority in order to secure an energy-efficient future for Virginia.

The Virginia Energy Plan is applicable to all state agencies to the extent it is consistent with the statutory authority of those agencies. I hereby assign specific responsibilities for the implementation of the Virginia Energy Plan as follows:

I. Responsibilities of the Secretary of Commerce and Trade

The Secretary of Commerce and Trade shall be responsible for providing guidance and direction for energy policy and conservation planning, shall lead the evaluation of the Virginia Energy Plan, and shall recommend improvements thereto to the Governor. Specifically, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade shall:

- A. Comprehensively integrate energy conservation and efficiency policies into the operations and programs of state government through the Virginia Energy Plan;
- B. Coordinate with other Secretaries where activities and programs are shared among secretarial areas;
- C. Provide general guidance to the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy and report on accomplishments under the Virginia Energy Plan to the Governor;
- D. Approve annual updates and any modifications to the Virginia Energy Plan to maintain consistency with the policy directives of the Governor and to enhance the accomplishment of the goals and objectives;
- E. Resolve differences between participating agencies when agreement cannot be reached among them;
- F. Serve as liaison with Virginia businesses to obtain their expertise, assistance and cooperation in advancing energy efficiency and alternative fuels in Virginia; and
- G. Conduct a thorough evaluation of the Virginia Energy Plan to determine changes to improve its effectiveness and efficiency.

II. Responsibilities of the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy

The Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) shall be responsible for coordinating and implementing the Virginia Energy Plan.

Specifically, DMME shall:

- A. Review, revise and maintain the Virginia Energy Plan through a collaborative process among state agencies;
- B. Execute the strategies designated to it;
- C. Draw on expertise of other agencies, where appropriate, to ensure the successful execution of the Virginia Energy Plan strategies;
- D. Develop an energy planning process and coordinate the development of an energy management plan for each agency, based on the Virginia Energy Plan; and
- E. Provide guidance and training to other agencies, when needed, to execute the Virginia Energy Plan successfully.

III. Responsibilities of All Executive Branch Agencies

To accomplish the goals, objectives, and strategies of the Virginia Energy Plan, each executive branch agency and institution shall:

- A. Execute the strategies designated to the agency or institution in the Virginia Energy Plan;
- B. Designate an energy manager(s) and authorize staff involvement in the accomplishment of the Virginia Energy Plan, including participation in task forces, training, plan development, and plan execution;
- C. Develop an energy management plan consistent with the process coordinated by DMME;

- D. Implement the energy management plan in an orderly and timely manner and undertake modification of internal agency operations and programs consistent with the goals and objectives of the Plan and state law; and
- E. Monitor and report progress on accomplishing the energy management plan to DMME as requested.

This Executive Order rescinds Executive Order Number Thirty-Seven (91), Virginia Energy Plan, issued by Governor Lawrence Douglas Wilder on September 18, 1991.

This Executive Order is effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until June 30, 1995, unless amended or rescinded by further Executive Order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 30th day of June, 1994.




Governor

Attest:


Secretary of the Commonwealth